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Low Soot, Low Smoke Renewable Resource Candle

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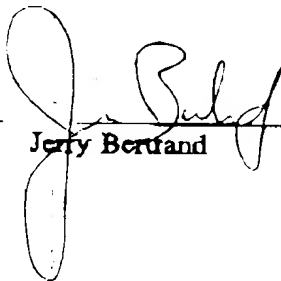
I, Jerry Bertrand, under penalty of perjury, state that:

1. I have expertise in the chemistry, and preparation of candles.
2. The term "fully hydrogenated" is not associated with a specific, low iodine value range.
3. The final iodine value of a fully hydrogenated fatty material is dependent upon a number of factors such as choice of catalyst, substrate purity and reaction temperature. As such, a fully hydrogenated triglyceride/free fatty acid composition does not inherently possess an iodine value less than 5.
4. Conditions which yield an iodine value greater than 5 include for example: the use of a nickel hydrogenation catalyst (metal with lesser catalytic activity); the use of a fatty material containing impurities (*e.g.*, organosulfur catalyst poisons), and less than optimal reaction temperature.

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